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HOUSE RESOLUTION No. _____

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A HOUSE RESOLUTION recognizing Bosse Field on the occasion of its 100th anniversary.

Whereas, Home to the Evansville Otters of the Independent Frontier League, Bosse Field opened in 1915 and was the first municipally owned sports facility in the United States;

Whereas, Bosse Field was named in honor of Benjamin Bosse, mayor of Evansville from 1914 to 1922, who bought Garvin Park and helped to build the stadium;

Whereas, There are only two fields older than Bosse Field - Boston's Fenway Park (1912) and Chicago's Wrigley Field (1914);

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Whereas, In addition to the Evansville Otters, the Evansville Triplets (1970-1984), Evansville Braves (1946-1957), Evas/Pocketeers/Hubs (1916-1931), and the Evansville River Rats (1913-1915) have all played at Bosse Field;

Whereas, The River Rats played in Evansville previously from 1901 to 1910, the Triplets won American Association titles in 1972, 1975, and 1979, the River Rats won the Central League title in 1908 and 1915, and the Braves won the Three-I League title in 1946, 1948, 1956, and 1957;

Whereas, Baseball Hall of Famers Hank Greenberg, Chuck Klein, Edd Roush, Warren Spahn, and Sam Thompson all played at Bosse Field during their careers;

Whereas, There have been more than 20 players from Evansville who went on to play in the major leagues and dozens who played in the minor leagues;

Whereas, In addition to its colorful baseball history, from 1921 to 1922 Bosse Field was used as a football stadium and was home to the Evansville Crimson Giants of the National Football League; and

Whereas, Baseball and Bosse Field have influenced the lives of numerous Hoosiers and brought them hours of pleasure: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives wishes to
2 acknowledge the part that Evansville's Bosse Field has played in the
3 history of our state and to congratulate its administration on the 100th
4 anniversary of its establishment.

5 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
6 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the administration
7 of Bosse Field.

